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The Honorable Chairman Sara Kyle
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Docket No. 02-00642 (*Rulemaking Proceeding – Joint Petition of BellSouth, United and Citizens to Waive Monthly Filing of Form 3.01 Report*)

Dear Chairman Kyle:

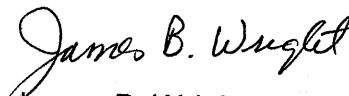
Pursuant to the procedural schedule established at the December 16, 2002 public hearing in this case, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (jointly "Sprint") file the following comments regarding the proposed rule. Please note that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee join in these comments. An original and thirteen copies of this letter are being filed.

At the public hearing, Director Jones raised a question regarding possible uncertainty in the new rule as originally proposed (Rule 1220-4-1-.10.(3)). There was some concern as to exactly what time period the report was to cover. To clarify the meaning, Sprint recommends that the proposed rule be amended slightly to read as follows.

"3. All companies operating pursuant to price regulation under T.C.A. Section 65-5-209 shall submit to the Authority the above report annually, for the twelve (12) months ending December, or for the company's fiscal year, if different, within sixty (60) days after the end of the twelve month period covered by the report."

Sprint believes the rule as proposed above will make it clear that the reporting requirement is annual. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,


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